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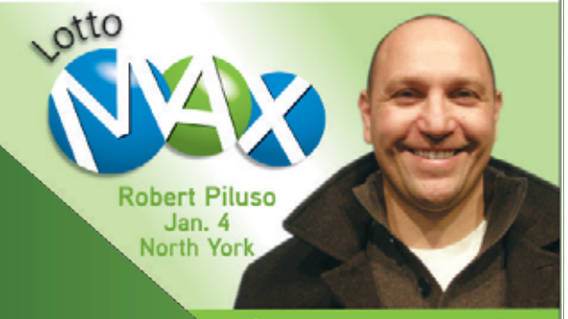

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Taking advantage of the warmer weather and the beginning of March break, six-year-old Alix Field learns to ride a bike Sunday with the help of her father Mike Field. Toronto topped out at 12 C but Monday's forecast high is only 8 C, with showers expected most of the day. TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Furious words exchanged over alleged ass-grab

Sarah Thomson not backing down. 'Unlike the mayor, I do not have a history of lying about my behaviour,' she says

The war of words between Mayor Rob Ford and the former mayoral candidate who accused him of groping her escalated on Sunday.

Ford said on his Sunday afternoon radio show that he questions whether Sarah Thomson is "playing with a full deck." Thomson fired back later in the day with a statement that she wouldn't be silenced.

"Decades ago powerful men who sexually assaulted women would call them 'hysterical,' or 'crazy' to debase their credibility," the statement reads in part. "It pushed many assaulted women into silence."

While Thomson has not yet gone to the police, she said she would "wait and see" before making that decision.

groping allegations "absolutely, completely false."

"I must have taken 500 pictures and it was never an issue with anyone else except for this lady that, in my opinion,

Counter-accusations

"I hope his accusations do not reignite the old fears that once silenced women." Sarah Thomson, in a statement

Thomson, a transit advocate and publisher of the Women's Post, first posted on Facebook in the early hours of Friday morning that Ford "grabbed my ass" as they posed for a picture at a party held by a Jewish political group.

Thomson also said that Ford made a suggestive comment that she should have joined him on a recent trip to Florida because his wife was not there.

Ford immediately called the

I've always said, I don't know if she's playing with a full deck, from the first time I met her, and I told her that that night."

Ford said that Thomson wanted his support for the Toronto Transit Alliance's campaign to create dedicated transit funding through a one per cent increase in sales tax.

"I said, 'No you're crazy. Get out of here.' And that's pretty well how it went," Ford said.

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Jewish centre targeted

Bomb threat hate-motivated?

Toronto police are investigating whether a bomb threat that led to the evacuation of a Jewish community centre was a hate crime.

Det. Barry White says it is not yet clear if roughly five messages received in quick succession last Tuesday by the Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre targeted it for racial reasons.

Police have charged Harold Lee, 36, with threatening death and mischief.

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VP to head teachers' union

A long-time vice-president of the union representing Ontario high school teachers will take over the presidency this summer.

Paul Elliott was elected president at the annual meeting of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation in downtown Toronto on Sunday.

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Evening blaze

Three-alarm fire in west end

At press time, firefighters were still battling a three-alarm blaze on Osler Street near Davenport Road that sent one person to hospital Sunday, police say.

The home was evacuated and one person was taken to hospital to be treated for smoke inhalation.

Go to metronews.ca for the latest on the fire.

METRO

ROM goes wild with March break festivities

An Earth Rangers trainer is seen on stage with a ring-tailed lemur at the ROM Sunday, part of the museum's March break activities. The crowd was also captivated by the on-stage presence of an African serval cat, which jumped 10 feet in the air. Birds, including a bald eagle, red-tailed hawk and barn owl, later swept so close to the seated audience they created a breeze overheard.

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Development lines drawn in Mississauga

Debate. Downtown and suburban councillors divided over who should pay to expand city core

Quoted

"The downtown core will be the cultural mecca of the city. It will be the financial mecca of the city. It will be what drives this city for the next century going forward. Let's just make sure that all the people that benefit pay their fair share."

Mississauga Coun. Nando Iannicca

The urban-suburban divide that has marked Toronto politics for decades has arrived in Mississauga, amid debate over plans for reinventing the city's downtown area.

Are suburbanites prepared to ante up through their property taxes for master plans, amenities and infrastructure to create a "real" urban core? Or will they be content to let development proceed as it will and possibly see condo towers rising in their neighbourhoods?

On one side at last week's council meeting were downtown councillors pushing for a "Main Street District" community-improvement plan that would expedite building the cultural facilities, streetscapes and infrastructure needed to shape the downtown core into a thriving urban centre.

On the other side were suburban councillors, adamant their constituents shouldn't have to shoulder the cost of the downtown plan through their taxes when the city is already facing a massive infrastructure burden including how to fund a sorely needed $1.5-billion LRT.

While all agree Mississauga's downtown, currently centred on a massive mall, is ready for a new stage of growth, no one is sure how much the province or Ottawa will contribute.

After decades of low taxes because the growing city was raking in development charges, Mississaugans are going to have to get used to paying more, downtown Coun. Nando Iannicca told Torstar News Service.

But councillors representing wards outside the core area said their constituents shouldn't have to foot the cost of amenities that will mainly benefit the residents of more than 30 highrise towers planned for downtown.

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Elliot Lake, Ont.

Boss had no regard for safety: Worker

The owner of a northern Ontario mall that collapsed last June had no regard for public safety and saw himself as the victim of a conspiracy to deprive him of the facility, one of his former employees alleges.

Documents filed at the public inquiry into the tragedy show the former manager of the ill-fated Algo Centre Mall and its adjoining hotel in Elliot Lake, Ont., quit after claiming owner Bob Nazarian pressed her to break the law.

The allegations — which have not been tested by the inquiry and denied by Nazarian — come in a statement Henri Laroue gave in May 2011 to Paul Officer, the town's fire chief. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Demolition of mall continues in Elliot Lake, Ont. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Noisy, peaceful protest

T.O. rally calls for end to Tibet occupation

Protesters made their way through downtown Toronto Sunday, calling on China to end its occupation of Tibet. The demonstrators carried signs reading "Tibet Under Lockdown" and "Free Tibet." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Critical injuries

Three hurt in separate collisions

Toronto police say a male pedestrian was struck by a vehicle in the city's northwest early Sunday morning, later a cyclist suffered critical injuries in a west-end collision with a vehicle, and a woman was struck in the downtown core. THE CANADIAN PRESS/CFRB/680NEWS

Sarnia, Ont.

Three bouncers stabbed: Police

Police say three bouncers at a Sarnia night club are out of hospital after being stabbed Sunday morning. Investigators say it happened when security staff removed patrons who had been arguing inside the club (near Exmouth and Capel Streets). THE CANADIAN PRESS

Teen singer stays upbeat as cancer surgery postponed

Carley Allison. Starting chemo to try to shrink tumour, save vocal cords

It was a tough gambit, but speaking from her Sick Kids hospital bed Saturday night, hours into her first round of chemotherapy, Carley Allison was hopeful she and her parents had made the right decision.

The 17-year-old Toronto figure skater with the soaring voice agreed to postpone surgery to remove the rare tumour from her trachea and undergo weeks of chemo. Doctors told her it might shrink the cancerous growth in her throat, increasing the chance of a full recovery — and saving her ability to sing with such power and beauty.

It's a move that will likely set back her recovery by about a month, but it's a chance the 94-lb. teen is willing to take.

"If it does nothing but help save my vocal cords, then it was worth it," said Carley, a slight rasp in her otherwise steady voice. "Even going through one round should give a little bit of room to save my vocal cords."

Since being diagnosed with an extremely rare form of trachea cancer in early February — there are fewer than 10 known cases in the world — Carley's story has captured the attention of thousands. Her piano cover of One Direction's More Than This, performed after her tracheotomy, has attracted almost 17,000 views on YouTube since Feb. 25, and she's been blogging about the experience of being a high school girl with a cancer diagnosis. As she put it on the blog, before learning of the cancer, "my biggest problem was trying to find a prom dress."

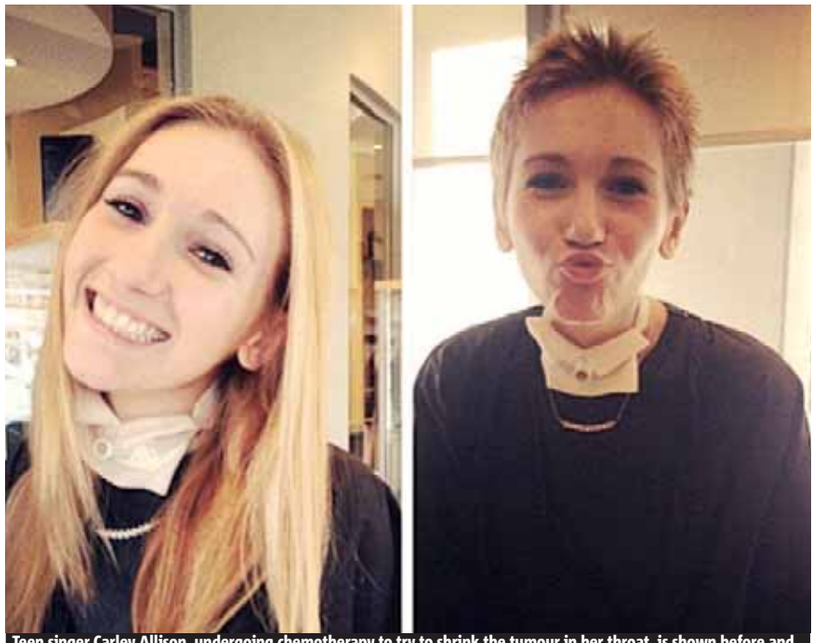
It's Carley's hope that many of the clicks to her blog and YouTube video also find their way to the link where she's inviting donations to the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation.

"That was the whole goal for me, is that I'm putting this pretty interesting video on YouTube of me singing through a hole in my neck, and hopefully people, from that attention, they can find the link to Princess Margaret," said Carley.

Speaking with a vivacity that belies the fact she's lying in a hospital bed, Carley described the difficult decision to postpone her tumour-removing surgery, which was originally scheduled for last Thursday. The plan at this point is to undergo chemotherapy for the next three weeks, and then reassess the tumour. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Not just bad asthma

For nearly a year before her diagnosis, Carley and her family thought she simply had asthma. By late January, when Carley had trouble breathing while singing at her grandmother's funeral, they started to think it was something more serious. After a visit to the doctor, they learned she was breathing through a 2 mm hole in her trachea, pushed in by the tumour in her throat.



Teen singer Carley Allison, undergoing chemotherapy to try to shrink the tumour in her throat, is shown before and after she had her long blonde locks shorn before the treatment started. CONTRIBUTED

Girls curling team feels pain of hockey brawl

Adriana Risa, 16, fears the girls curling team she plays on will be shut out of the OFSAA championship because of an unrelated incident involving her school's boys hockey team. TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Will the senior girls curling team of St. Michael Catholic Secondary School make it to the provincial championships later this month?

It seems the aftermath of a post-hockey game fracas is the only thing standing in the way.

The Region of Peel Secondary Schools Athletic Association (ROPSSAA) has suspended all competitive sports events involving students from the Bolton high school until March 18. That's the day it wraps up a hearing and investigation into the alleged assault of a Brampton Powerade Centre employee by a member of St. Michael Catholic Secondary School's hockey team, who has since been suspended from school.

"It's our first (school) team going to OFSAA — it's important to everyone," says Adriana Risa, 16, a member of the senior girls curling team. "We're all very proud," she says. "We're just waiting and all hoping ... it's really affecting the students."

The girls team won the ROPSSAA curling championships on March 8.

All of the St. Michael Catholic Secondary School school's sports teams are affected by the ban on competitions, but the curling team's event is the closest to March 18.

Risa says she and other students and parents don't understand why sports teams — not connected to an incident being investigated — still have their competitive events affected.

"I don't see what bearing it has on other teams," says Risa's mother, Rose, of the investigation connected to a hockey player. "It's not appropriate that they're penalizing a team that wasn't involved."

Bruce Campbell, Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board communications spokesman, said the board is "optimistic" that ROPSSAA will "allow the team to travel." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Pre-game

On March 18, ROPSAA is expected to announce if the ban is lifted — just a day before the six-member curling team had been planning to go to Ottawa for an Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations competition.

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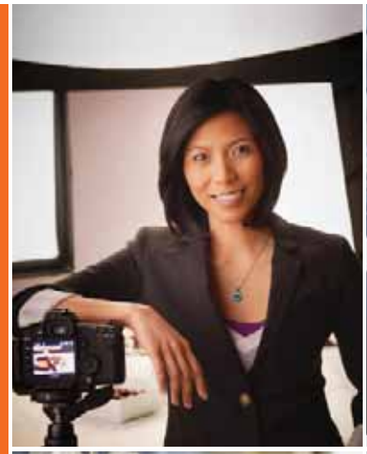

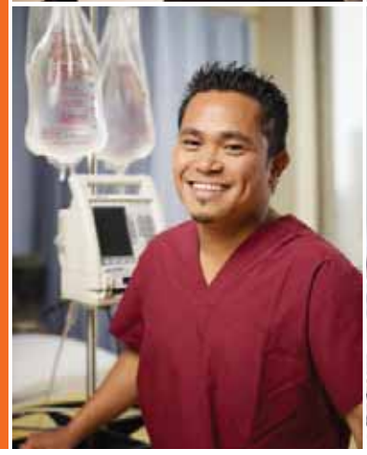

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Cardinal Ouellet earns blessing for pope — but not because they like him

Sexual abuse. Group feels best way to get local scandal noticed is to net Quebecois pope

A Quebec group representing people abused by priests hopes Cardinal Marc Ouellet will be the next pope, though not necessarily because it feels he's the best candidate.

Spokesman Carlo Tarini says a Ouellet papacy would thrust a number of sexual-abuse cases involving Quebec priests into the spotlight.

"The people here today are not here in just supporting his nomination as pope," Tarini said at a small rally on Sunday on the steps of a Montreal church.

"They are really hopeful that he is elected, because 1.2 billion Catholics will be made aware of the victimization of children here in Quebec by pedophile priests."

Many at the rally, which included members of other victims groups, said they are hopeful for progress on cases that have long been stalled.

Tarini suggested appointing a mediator between the church and victims, such as former Supreme Court justice Michel Bastarache, who took on a similar role in New Brunswick.

The Quebec-born Ouellet is considered one of the contenders to succeed Pope Benedict.

Ouellet has come under fire from critics who say he didn't do enough to address sexual abuse in his home province.

Lucien Landry, head of an organization for abused Quebec orphans, said Ouellet didn't make an effort to work with victims while he was archbishop of Quebec City.

Landry attended the rally but stressed that he doesn't believe things would be any different if Ouellet became pope.

"In our heart of hearts, we don't think he would fix the situation," he said.

In an interview with the CBC last week, Ouellet defended the church's handling of its sexual-abuse scandals and said it had to bear intense public scrutiny.

"But it is not a Catholic problem, it is a human problem," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A group representing those abused by priests protests outside a Montreal church. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Personal life

Family fears papal win

The papal front-runner is also known for fancying moose-steak dinners, eating dessert off a sibling's plate and gunning his uncle's tractor until it broke — though he is also remembered for nearly burning down the family barn.

If he becomes pope, however, Cardinal Marc Ouellet's family fears such intimate moments will be lost forever.

"We're quite frank about it as a family — we would prefer to have a brother," his younger brother, Roch, said in an interview in their hometown of La Motte, Que.

Marc sent a message to his family last month, instructing them to think of their 90-year-old mother's well-being during what he predicted would be an inevitable media storm.

Pardon backlog to last for years

The Parole Board of Canada has begun to tackle a backlog of almost 22,000 pardon applications, many of which have been stuck in limbo for years.

The backlog is expected to last for another two years.

All the files pre-date the March 2012 omnibus Conservative crime bill, when the Harper government quadrupled the application fee to $631. Those who applied under the higher fee are at the front of the line.

Public outcry over a controversial pardon led Parliament in June 2010 to beef up the system by making the Parole Board grant no pardon that could bring the administration of justice into disrepute.

A three-strikes rule was proposed, so that anyone with more than three convictions for indictable offences with two-year sentences could never be pardoned. Certain offences, such as sex crimes against children, were made ineligible.

The crime-free cooling-off period after a sentence was served was increased to five years from three for lesser offences and doubled to 10 years from five for indictable offences. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Origin

The backlog is the result of a crackdown sparked by a single case. In May 2010, it was revealed that Graham James, a former junior-hockey coach convicted of sexually assaulting players, had been pardoned years earlier.

Resource control

Harper heads north for talks to give N.W.T. new powers

Prime Minister Stephen Harper will travel to Yellowknife Monday to mark the end of talks granting province-like powers to the Northwest Territories.

The deal, which has been a top agenda item for territorial premiers stretching back two decades, will put control over northern resources in the hands of northerners for the first time. It will also give them a big chunk of the royalties those resources produce, money that will also be shared with the N.W.T.'s aboriginal governments.

Monday's draft will then go out for public consultation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Bombings. Taliban and U.S. are colluding to instil fear in Afghans: Karzai

Hamid Karzai THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Afghan President Hamid Karzai on Sunday accused the Taliban and the U.S. of working in concert to convince Afghans that violence will worsen if most foreign troops leave — an allegation the top American commander in Afghanistan rejected as "categorically false."

Karzai said two suicide bombings that killed 19 people on Saturday show the insurgent group is conducting attacks to demonstrate that international forces will still be needed to keep the peace after their current combat mission ends in 2014.

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Climate change

North Pole going South: Study

Newly published research says climate change has already altered seasons in the Arctic to make them more like southern regions.

And while tundra plant communities are already becoming shrubbier, scientists behind the paper say there's no way to predict what's going to happen as the change continues.

It's long been known that climate change is proceeding more quickly in the Arctic than anywhere else — about twice the global average.

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Deaths of foreign hostages in Nigeria confirmed

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A man reads a newspaper in Kano, Nigeria, on Sunday. The Islamist group Ansaru used the presence of U.K. warplanes in the country's capital, which the U.K. claims were ferrying troops in support of the Mali intervention, as a partial excuse for allegedly killing seven foreign hostages. SUNDAY ALAMBA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Radical Islamists. Militant group says seven victims were killed because of suspected rescue efforts

Radical Islamic fighters killed seven foreign hostages in Nigeria, European diplomats said Sunday, making it the worst such kidnapping violence in decades for a country beset by extremist guerrilla attacks.

Nigeria's police, military, domestic spy service and presidency remained silent over the killings of the construction company workers, kidnapped Feb. 16 from northern Bauchi state. The government's silence only led to more questions about the nation's continued inability to halt attacks that have seen hundreds killed in shootings, church bombings and an attack on the United Nations.

The latest victims were four Lebanese and one citizen apiece from Britain, Greece and Italy.

Britain and Italy said all seven of those taken from the Setraco construction company compound had died at the hands of Ansaru, a previously little-known splinter group of the Islamic sect Boko Haram. Greece also confirmed one of its citizens was killed, while Lebanese authorities didn't immediately comment.

Italy also denied a claim by Ansaru that the hostages were killed before or during a military operation by Nigerian and British forces, saying there was "no military intervention aimed at freeing the hostages."

"We note that the terrorists never communicated or formulated demands to release the hostages," said Greece's foreign ministry, which also denied any military raid took place. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Where the money goes

$60M

A city report found that in 2006, 77 per cent of the 3,451 standard taxi licences were held by someone who doesn't drive a taxi, but leases the licence instead. The current average monthly plate lease or rental fee is about $1,800, which means plate owners who don't actually drive taxis, and their agents, are taking in an estimated $60 million a year in fees.

LOOKING FOR A FARE DEAL

Will lowering prices help change the beleaguered taxi industry in Toronto?

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Taxis slow down and honk as they pass shivering transit riders waiting for a jam-packed streetcar, but no one hails them.

If taxis were cheaper, would some people jump in?

Yes, according to a consulting firm hired to delve into Toronto's taxi problems and advise councillors on how many cabs the city should have.

"Most cities tend to treat these things separately — they'll look at taxi numbers, they'll look at fares — and it's a mistake," said James Cooper, head of Taxi Research Partners.

Cooper will issue his report to the city in the coming week or two, he said. It will be part of the city's taxi industry review, the first in 15 years.

City staffers consulted with drivers, licence owners, agents, brokers and passengers and found there is some support in the industry to lower fares to help fill empty backseats.

Drivers, overwhelmingly, told the city there are too many taxis on the street and not enough customers. Drivers also said they haven't benefited when fares have gone up in the past because other players in the industry have responded by upping their fees.

Toronto's fares are $4.25 upon entry and $0.25 for every 0.143 km and every 29 seconds of waiting time. The fares went up 13 per cent in 2010 due to the HST. The city raised the entry price by a dollar in 2008, due to rising gas prices.

According to Cooper, a decrease of 50 cents or a dollar in the $4.25 initial fare, known as flag or the drop, would result in an increase of demand that would "offset" the lower fares, so drivers wouldn't lose out.

Some drivers, like industry veteran Gerry Manley, disagree. Manley, who has been a taxi owner-operator for 40 years and managed a taxi brokerage, believes the link between meter price and demand is "a myth."

"The average driver in the city of Toronto works out of a fleet garage," he said, adding shift drivers take home as little as $65 to $95 in a 12-hour shift. "If you're going to lower the fare, it isn't going to attract the business that you think ... and you're going to make him more destitute than he already is."

Instead, Manley would like fewer cabs on the street. To lower prices, the city should ask cab fares to be exempted from HST, he said.

Change in prices

City of Toronto figures show the dramatic increase in the price of standard taxi licence plates over the last 15 years.

- **1998:** $80,900
- **2002:** $ 83,600
- **2006:** $ 116,400
- **2010:** $ 175,900
- **2011:** $ 210,100
- **Today,** the actual standard plate market value is over $300,000, according to the city and up to nearly $400,000, according to some drivers.

Broken industry?

There are 4,849 licensed taxis in Toronto, making an estimated 60,000 trips a day, grossing an estimated $1.5 million daily, according to the city. If indeed drivers are barely scraping by, where is all the money going?

There are 3,451 standard taxicabs in Toronto and 1,313 Ambassador cabs. Drivers with Ambassador licences must own and operate their own taxis and are not allowed to rent out their cab or sell their licence.

However, most standard licence holders never drive a cab, but lease the plate to a driver for a monthly fee, currently between $1,600 to $2,000. The agent who arranges that lease will take a cut of $100 to $600.

The standard licences can be sold for between $300,000 and $400,000. Owner-operators like Manley consider their plate their retirement plan.

Other owners of standard licences include investors with no other connection to the taxi industry, estates and numbered companies.

The complex system puts middlemen — and a lot of fees — between the cab licence and the driver. For example, the driver of a cab may have rented a shift from another driver, who leased the licence through an agent from the plate owner. The shift driver is paying the brokerage (such as Beck, Diamond, etc.) $85 to $100 per day for access to a dispatch system, as well as his insurance, gas, traffic fines and a percentage of electronic payments processed.

In other cases, agents run garages for plate holders, buying and maintaining the cars and renting them out 24/7 on a shift basis.

"Cut out the middlemen"

The iTaxiworkers Association, which represents almost 1,000 drivers, is proposing to "cut out the middlemen" by eliminating the role of agents and forcing all standard licence holders who do not drive their cabs to sell their plates to drivers within two years.

"There is no need to have the agents," said association president Sajid Mughal.

At a recent city Taxi Industry Review consultation session, the drivers' comments about agents were so hostile that agent Haile Okbe took out an ad in Taxi News, claiming the calls to abolish his profession were a human rights violation.

"You can say rights of drivers who lease taxicab plates must be protected and respected and agents should have less power or should stop excessive payments, but don't demand to abolish any group," he said.

As an agent, he provides a necessary service to owners, Okbe said. He said he keeps the licence current, finds a driver to lease it to, collects the payment and completes the necessary paperwork, without the licence owner having to worry about anything.

Okbe said some parts of the system are "broken" and he'd like to see the bylaws changed so they reflect the way the industry actually works. For example, the bylaws say the owner of the plate must also legally own the vehicle and be responsible for maintenance, inspections and insurance.

"But practically it's the opposite. It has allowed the drivers to drive the taxi without the owners even seeing the vehicle," he said.

Drivers typically pay for the vehicle and sign it over to the owner, on paper only, for the duration of the lease, he said.

One standard

"We want one city, one standard. We do not want different kinds of licences."

iTaxiworkers Association president Sajid Mughal

The Ambassador dilemma

After the last review, the city introduced the Ambassador plates to promote "owner-operator" cabs and avoid the leasing and selling of plates.

Ambassador drivers, including many who belong to iTaxiworkers, are now calling for the city to convert their licences into standard licences, which would allow them to lease the plate, sell it, or rent it out for shifts they are not working.

"We want one city, one standard. We do not want different kinds of licences," said Mughal.

iTaxiworkers argues that Ambassador drivers have no job security, because if they're injured or sick they can't earn money.

Most standard plate owners object. If Ambassador plates were made into standard plates, the market value of their plates would fall. If Ambassador drivers were allowed to take on a second driver their taxis would likely be operating for 24 hours instead of 12, flooding the streets with cabs.

Drivers like Manley, who bought his plate for $21,000 in 1973, argue that the Ambassador drivers would get an unfair windfall from the city—a plate now worth more than $300,000 — for next to nothing.

"That slaps the face of somebody like me that's been driving 40 years in the city, but never got anything from the city," he said.

SETTLE IN, IT'S GONNA BE A LONG RIDE...

Want to know the full path a Toronto taxi takes before it gets to you? The complex system puts middlemen — and a lot of fees — between the cab licence and the cab driver. Critics say drivers can take home as little as $65 after a 12-hour shift. Here's how it works:

City of Toronto

The city licenses cabs, drivers and brokers. There are more than 10,000 licensed divers and 3,452 current standard cab licences, but the city hasn't issued a new one since 1995. The city began issuing Ambassador class licences in 1998, and there are 1,313 in use in the city.

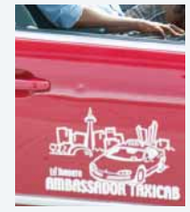
Standard Licence

Owner/operator

Some of the people who own a standard licence operate and own their own cab. When they are not driving, they can rent out their cab to a shift driver. Many standard-cab owners or operators consider their licence their retirement plan. They can sell their license, currently valued at over $300,000, or lease it.

Ambassador

Ambassador drivers offer the same services and rates to customers as other cab drivers, but they are each the sole owner and driver of their cab. Their licence cannot be rented or sold. They can opt to pay a brokerage, such as Co-op Cabs, Royal Taxi, etc.) to use its dispatch system.



Standard Licence

Doesn't operate

People who don't drive a cab own a majority of standard licences. They can be the relatives of a driver who handed down a plate after death, investors who saw a business opportunity in owning a licence, or businesses that own hundreds of licences through various companies.

Agent

Agents manage a standard cab licence on behalf of owners. Some represent multiple owners and lease out their licences to individual drivers.

Driver (lessee)

These drivers will pay a monthly fee to the owner through an agent, who will take a cut. The driver will typically pay for their own car, as well as insurance, inspections and maintenance, but will sign over the car to the owner for the duration of the lease, because the law mandates the licence owner must also own the cab.

Brokerage

Brokers typically have an agreement with the owner, agent or lessee of the cab, where the owner or lessee pays the brokerage to use its dispatch system and may paint their vehicles to match its brand. (There are exceptions where brokerages themselves hold many licences and lease or rent the cabs out through a garage.) Not all brokerages operate in the same way. For example, Hailo, the cab-hailing app, is a licensed brokerage in Toronto. Cabs, even those that use the services of other brokerages, can use the app to connect with clients.

Garage

Garages: Not licensed by the city

Shift drivers rent their taxicabs from garages, usually on a 12-hour day or night shift. Many choose to make arrangements with the garage to rent the car weekly. The taxicab is returned to the garage at the end of the shift.

Driver (shift)

Shift drivers: Are licensed by the city

Shift drivers will rent cars from a garage for certain shifts for a rental fee. They are also typically responsible for paying for gas, percentages of credit/debit transactions, fines and brokerage fees.

Passenger

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This Oct. 30, 2012 file photo provided by the U.S. Air Force shows an aerial view of the devastation along the New Jersey shoreline following Superstorm Sandy. Increasingly, homes damaged by Sandy are being put up for sale. MASTER SGT. MARK C. OLSEN/U.S. AIR FORCE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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Need a fixer-upper?
Homes damaged by Superstorm Sandy are hitting the market, some at big discounts

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"They either don't have the funds or don't have the energy to go through the renovating and rebuilding process." **Jeff Childers, a broker with Childers Sotheby's International Realty in Normandy Beach, N.J.,** explaining why some homeowners with Sandy-damaged properties are choosing to sell their houses rather than rebuild.

It sounds like the premise for a new reality TV series: Hurricane House, in which people would scour waterside communities in New Jersey and New York looking to buy homes damaged by Superstorm Sandy at a deep discount.

While there are bargains out there, ranging from 10 per cent off pre-storm prices for upscale homes on New York's Long Island and the Jersey Shore to as much as 60 per cent off modest bungalows in Staten Island and Queens, it's still very much a game of buyer beware.

Not only are buyers on the hook for repairs and in some cases total rebuilds, they're also wading into a host of potentially expensive uncertainties about new flood maps and future insurance rates, zoning changes and updated building codes.

"It's totally changed the way I sell real estate," said Lawrence Greenberg, a sales associate with Van Skiver Realtors, whose own Mantoloking, N.J., office was wrecked in the storm.

Prior to Sandy, prospective buyers rarely mentioned issues such as flood maps and building elevations until the matter of flood insurance came up — often at closing. "Now, everybody asks the question of elevation," Greenberg said. Even if potential buyers plan to tear down and build new, they ask about the pending changes in flood maps proposed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, because flood insurance rates will depend upon the new zones.

The number of for-sale listings in January in the 380 zip codes hit by the storm was about two per cent below the same time last year, according to online real estate information company Zillow Inc. That indicates that most homeowners are rebuilding, or have not yet decided how to proceed.

But real estate agents in New York and New Jersey say the majority of homes for sale in these areas have some damage from the Oct. 29 storm, and it appears to them that a rising number are being put on the market as the spring home-buying season approaches. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Packaging rules

Feds may hit back over U.S. meat-labelling plan

Ottawa is warning Washington it may retaliate if the U.S. brings in a more restrictive trade rule on how beef and pork product exports are labelled. A U.S. Department of Agriculture proposal calls for foreign producers to list on the package of meat products where the animal was born, raised and slaughtered, as well as other packaging restrictions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

GROWTH GOOD FOR TORONTO

URBAN COMPASS

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It's official: the City of Toronto now considers itself more populous than Chicago, according to a press release issued last week. That makes us the fourth largest city in North America.

So take THAT, Chi-Town. You may have an internationally-renowned waterfront, more than double our number of subway stations and a mayor that doesn't end up constantly embroiled in strange scandals, but we've got population.

And lots of it. Even when you consider the outlying areas of each city, Chicagoland — which includes their suburbs — has about the same population as our Greater Golden Horseshoe.

The news that Toronto now ranks behind only Mexico City, New York and Los Angeles seemed to surprise some people.

Toronto has always struggled with its big city status. Notions that we should strive to be a "world city" are routinely mocked — as if this sprawling, sleepy burg could ever live up to the cultural, architectural and economic heights of the great places of the world.

But our population growth is proof that something about Toronto is working. If you look at comparable urban areas, to places like Boston, Philadelphia and, yes, Chicago, the trend is mostly population decline. The Windy City has lost almost a million people since its peak in the 1950s.

Meanwhile, Toronto has grown consistently, decade after decade. Our peak is still ahead of us.

Some may like to point to things like low taxes and business-friendly policies as drivers of that success, but that's too simplistic. There are always going to be places with lower taxes and bigger business subsidies.

Instead, if I had to point to why Toronto has avoided the declines that have hit similar cities, I'd point to things more ephemeral.

I'd point to diversity and urbanity. While our suburban-minded planners in the 1950s and 1960s made some serious mistakes, those mistakes were nothing compared to what happened to other cities.

Toronto never saw a massive hollowing out of its core population. We maintained the character and the diversity of our central neighbourhoods.

Hey, CHI-town!

There's a lot we can learn from Chicago, now our little brother city.

And it was those strong neighbourhoods that successfully fought off highway expansion and movements to remove transit.

Other cities are now struggling to reclaim the character of their urban neighbourhoods. But we never lost ours.

That's not to say we're perfect.

There's a lot we can learn from Chicago, now our little brother city. Like how to leverage money from other levels of government to build a great transit system.

Or how to finally develop a great waterfront.

Call me naïve, but I'm confident that we can learn those things.

Because every good thing that has ever happened in this city has happened through the strength of its people. And now, at least, we have more of them.

Read more of Matt's blog, Ford for Toronto, at metronews.ca

ZOOM

Outlook bleak two years later

Post-tsunami Japan anything but clean

Two years after the triple calamities of earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster ravaged Japan's northeastern Pacific coast, debris containing asbestos, lead, PCBs — and perhaps most worrying — radioactive waste due to the crippled Fukushima Dai-Ichi nuclear plant looms as a threat for the region.

So far, disposal of debris from the disasters is turning out to have been anything but clean. Workers often lacking oversight, training or proper equipment have dumped contaminated waste with scant regard for regulations or safety, as organized crime has infiltrated the cleanup process.

Researchers are only beginning to analyze environmental samples for potential health implications from the various toxins swirled in the petri dish of the disaster zone — including dioxins, benzene, cadmium and organic-waste-related toxins, said Shoji F. Nakayama of the government-affiliated National Institute for Environmental Studies.

Gangsters have long been involved in industrial waste handling, and police say they suspect gangsters are systematically targeting reconstruction projects, swindling money from low-interest lending schemes for disaster-hit residents and illegally mobilizing construction and cleanup workers.

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Fukushima

"Everyone, from bureaucrats to construction giants to tattooed gangsters, is trying to prey on de-contamination projects. And the government is looking the other way."

Nakamura, who only wanted to be identified by his last name for fear of retaliation, on the corruption that has plagued the restoration process.

Clickbait

Rumours are spreading like mustard on social-media sites about 'secret menus' at your favourite fast food chains. Here's what you won't see featured. But shhh!

Mc10:35

Although the company insists otherwise, McDonald's does have many items on the underground menu, according to social-media sites. One is the Mc10:35 — which is the inside of a McDouble burger, minus the bun, inserted into an Egg McMuffin. It can only be ordered at 10:35 a.m., during the shift change from breakfast to lunch.

McGangbang

A bold order to ask from anyone — especially your McDonald's cashier — the McGangbang is a double cheeseburger with a chicken patty in between two beef patties.

Suicide Burger

Worried it might be your last meal? Take a bite into Burger King's suicide burger, comprising four beef patties, four slices of cheese, bacon and BK's special sauce.

Enchirito

This might be the worst kept secret: Taco Bell has loads of items on the secret menu. One popular choice is the enchirito. It's the regular enchilada, stuffed with beef, beans, cheese, diced onions and red sauce.

Letters

Re: The Other F Word, published March 8.

In the small article by Delia MacPherson, your author undermined herself, women and men by perpetuating a stereotype that is highly untrue.

In it she says, "... men and women are equal in every right with the exception of maybe physical strength."

Women are equal in this respect because training equals far more strength than what you naturally have.

Additionally, there are men who are not naturally strong or muscular who are discounted by such a statement.

Women who have naturally muscular body types and are built like line backers are made to feel fat, weak and like they should not do sports, while men with lean body types are made to feel less masculine and therefore wrong and bad.

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Tonight's episode of Dallas has the characters attending a wake and funeral for J.R. Ewing. Actor Larry Hagman, who played J.R., died of cancer in November. HANDOUT

Dallas bids farewell to its magnificent villain

Celebrating Hagman. Tonight's episode of TNT's revival of Dallas is a fitting tribute to the man behind one of TV's worst scoundrels

Who killed J.R.?

That's the mystery propelling Dallas through the rest of its second season as a TNT revival.

And that question hangs heavy in the upcoming episode (airing Monday at 9 p.m. EDT), which confirms the sad truth every viewer knew was coming: glorious scoundrel J.R. Ewing has died, after decades of living-on-the-edge infamy dating back at least to 1980, when he was gunned down in his office and left for dead, leaving every viewer wondering who shot J.R.

J.R.'s fate was sealed this time by the intrusion of reality. In November, Larry Hagman died of cancer at 81. And when he died, he took J.R. with him.

So the new episode — surely the first without Hagman's deliciously vile presence — stands as a fitting tribute both to him and to J.R., complete with a wake and a funeral for the rascally oil baron. Even the oh-so-familiar theme music is rearranged from its quickstep tempo to a dirge. The message of this episode, titled J.R.'s Masterpiece, is J.R. is gone but not forgotten.

Last Monday's episode featured the last, brief appearances by a visibly frail Hagman. There were three isolated scenes with J.R., who for reasons unknown had gone missing from Dallas. But the action mostly swirled among the other characters as they squabbled over Ewing Energies, which has pitted cousins John Ross (played by Josh Henderson) and Christopher (Jesse Metcalfe) in a battle for its control.

In his final scene, near the end of the hour, J.R. was glimpsed at an undisclosed location on the phone with John Ross.

"Don't you worry, son, I've got a plan," J.R. told him. "It's gonna be my masterpiece. Because you shouldn't have to pay for my sins."

"What do you mean?" asked John Ross, struck by J.R.'s rare show of tenderness.

"Just remember, I'm proud of you," said J.R., as John Ross' eyes moistened. "You're my son, from tip to tail."

But at that moment, John Ross heard gunshots. He screamed into the phone, "Dad! Dad!"

Who shot J.R.?

"I need to know who killed my father, and why!" snaps John Ross in the new episode.

Sue Ellen, his mother and J.R.'s long-suffering ex-wife (played by Linda Gray), hoists a Dallas directory and reminds him, "Half the people in this phone book wanted to."

Yes, J.R. had legions of enemies with scores to settle. But who among them did the deed? And why did J.R.'s time run out, in all places, in a room at a Mexican flophouse?

The task for Dallas to outlive J.R. Ewing is huge. Rest in peace, Larry Hagman. But there better be no peace on this show in J.R.'s absence if it hopes to survive its magnificent villain.

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Remembering J.R.

J.R.'s memorial takes place at the Dallas Petroleum Club, where high-powered mourners flock to bid him farewell. Here are real-life local swells, including Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban. Here are Dallas characters from way back, including former wild child Lucy (Charlene Tilton), J.R.'s niece; Ray Krebbs (Steve Kanaly), the illegitimate son of J.R.'s father; and Gary (Ted Shackelford), the "black sheep" brother who left Dallas for a long life on series spinoff Knots Landing. But the embittered John Ross isn't buying that any of the gathered have a kind thought for his father: "Half these people are here to make sure he's dead. The other half are here for the free drinks."

On set

Kelly Osbourne confirms seizure

Kelly Osbourne says she had a seizure and doctors are trying to figure out why.

The 28-year-old TV personality posted a photo on Twitter late Thursday of an IV in her tattooed left arm. She thanked her fans for their "beautiful well wishes." Osbourne was hospitalized Thursday after collapsing on the set of E! network's Fashion Police. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Doctors

Valerie Harper to talk about her brain cancer on TV

Actress Valerie Harper plans to discuss her brain cancer on daytime talk show The Doctors.

The '70s sitcom star has been diagnosed with a rare brain cancer and told she has as little as three months to live. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tiffani Thiessen stars on White Collar, where she plays the wife of an FBI agent. AMY SUSSMAN/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kapow! '90s teen queen glad she was famous pre-TMZ

Tiffani Thiessen. Actress says it took her awhile to realize what a big deal Saved by the Bell was

Tiffani Thiessen is probably best known for her role as Kelly Kapowski on Saved by the Bell, but the actress says she had no idea at that time how popular the teenage sitcom was.

"I mean, I was so young. I was 15 when I started that show," Thiessen, now 39, said in a recent interview.

"I remember Mark-Paul (Gosselaar) and I touring the (United) States and going overseas. ... That was the first time that I realized what an impact that show had when 5,000, 6,000, 10,000 kids were showing up to these malls and these places where we would sit there for hours and do autograph signings and pictures and stuff," she said.

"That's when I was really like, 'Where am I? What is this?' Kids wanted my empty cup of water and, you know, things like that. It was strange."

The show now airs in syndication and remains a part of the pop culture zeitgeist. Jimmy Fallon tried — unsuccessfully — to rally the cast for a reunion in 2009. (They did pose for a People magazine cover.) Justin Bieber wore a T-shirt with the likeness of Kelly Kapowski to the MuchMusic Awards in 2011.

Thiessen is grateful that she grew up in the limelight before TMZ and other 24-hour media outlets and gossip blogs came along on the Internet.

"Thank God I missed that. The photographers that would follow us were like for Teen Beat and Bop (magazines)," she said.

Thiessen divides her time between Los Angeles, where she lives with her husband and daughter, and New York City, where she films the USA series White Collar, which aired its season four series finale this week. Matt Bomer plays former con man Neal Caffrey, who is working with the FBI to catch white-collar criminals. Thiessen's character is married to agent Peter Burke, who supervises Caffrey. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thanks Aaron

She credits Aaron Spelling with giving her an interesting perspective on fame.

- **"He said ...** movie stars are in big screens and you have to go see them in the theatre. TV stars are in people's homes and they feel much more of a connection because you're watching them in your home," says Thiessen.
- **"I thought that was really interesting because it was kind of true.** A lot of people, you know, would stop me on the street thinking they went to high school with me."

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Two decades after death

River Phoenix's last film opens in U.S.

River Phoenix's last film is making its U.S. premiere at the Miami International Film Festival, 20 years after the young actor's death.

Phoenix was 23 when he died outside The Viper Room in Los Angeles. The cause was heart failure after overdosing on heroin and cocaine. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

$80M debut

Oz bewitches at box office

Oz the Great and the Powerful clicked with moviegoers.

Disney's 3D prequel to the classic L. Frank Baum tale The Wonderful Wizard of Oz debuted in first place and earned $80.3 million at the weekend box office in the U.S. and Canada and $69.9 million overseas.

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Evil Dead remake stays true to its campy roots

The new Evil Dead won over the crowd during a screening at the SXSW festival. HANDOUT

But there are changes. Bruce Campbell's iconic character Ash is gone, silly gore and black humour remains

Plans to remake the 1981 cult horror film Evil Dead may have brought some initial skepticism, but with the original filmmakers behind the scenes and a fresh-faced director and cast to inject youthful enthusiasm, the South by Southwest festival crowd welcomed the reboot with open arms.

Sam Raimi, who directed the original, and Bruce Campbell, who starred in it, produced the new Evil Dead. Fede Alvarez, a Uruguayan directing his first feature-length film, oversaw a small cast.

The film reimagines the plot of the first Evil Dead but replaced the original five college students on vacation with five high school friends reuniting to help one of them kick a drug addiction. When they find the Book of the Dead in their cabin, a demon emerges to possess the students one by one until only one remains.

Gone is the iconic hero Ash, played by Campbell, with Alvarez taking a more ensemble approach that gives Levy and Fernandez equal time.

The mix of fire hose blood spray, psychological terror and black humour, though, remain true to the campy original that boiled the horror movie genre down to its essence. Robert Tapert, who produced the original and the remake, said Evil Dead was intended for drive-in movies and crowded theatres, but most fans only discovered it on VHS or DVD years later.

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The root of Evil

Raimi screened his low-budget film at the Cannes Film Festival and eventually signed a distribution deal.

- He made two sequels with Campbell playing Ash: The Evil Dead II and Army of Darkness. The film also spun off a video game, comic book and musical.

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Miley Cyrus

Miley Cyrus denies her wedding is cancelled

While her fiancée, Liam Hemsworth, is in his native Australia spending time with family, Miley Cyrus finds herself doing damage control, taking to Twitter to quash rumours that their relationship is in trouble.

"I am so sick of L.A. And sick of the lies that come with it," she posted last week. "I didn't call off my wedding."

Of course, being spotted out and about in Hollywood without her engagement ring on probably doesn't help. But a source assures E! News that all is well in the Hemsworth-Cyrus household.

"She is not listening to what everyone is saying about her and Liam," the source says. "Everything is fine between them, as far as I know."

Lindsay Lohan. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Lohan rejects latest plea deal

Prosecutors in Lindsay Lohan's latest legal battle have reportedly offered the troubled starlet a plea deal that would let her avoid jail time — but she doesn't want it, according to TMZ.

Sources tell the website that if Lohan agrees to plead guilty to as-yet-unspecified charges, she'd only have to serve 90 days under house arrest and attend a mandatory rehab program. But Lohan is reportedly adamant that she will avoid any punishment whatsoever and has rejected the plea deal, the sources say.

Her trial is set to begin March 18.

The Word

Is there a literal fever going on over here?

STARGAZING
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Lindsay Lohan rejects Charlie Sheen's generous offer to become her "mentor." Says Lindsay, "What could he possibly teach me that I haven't already put up my nose while the last bridge was burning?"

Heidi Klum becomes a judge on America's Got Talent. It was a bit of a misunderstanding. She thought the show was called America's Got Taffeta.

Justin Bieber had a pretty bad week, including concert lateness, wearing a gas mask in public, angry fans turning on him, "weak-ass" clubs, going ballistic on a photographer, illness and tweets about being judged only by a higher power. This can all, of course, be attributed to a terrible case of ... (If you say "Bieber fever" I will come to your house and stand outside yelling — ed's note.)

Heidi Klum

Brendan Fraser claims that the $205,000 he makes a month isn't enough for him to pay all his expenses, especially the alimony his ex-wife is asking for and that ... How in the world is Brendan Fraser making $205,000 a month?

Terrence Howard raved about a scene with Oprah in The Butler, praising her "tig ol' bitties." Then he said "paked nenis" and giggled hysterically.

Jay Baruchel and Alison Pill break up. No! First Jason Segel and Michelle Williams, now this. One more, and we're looking at a full-blown Knocked Up curse.

Lana and Andy Wachowski are being sued for $300 million by someone who claims the directors used his ideas for Matrix two and three. "If the claimant will agree to take responsibility for the ending of the last movie, maybe you should just pay him," says pretty much everybody.

Chelsea Handler says that Angelina Jolie "seems like a demon." Says Angie's rep: "The dark mistress is busy getting a hoffdicure and can't comment."

Drake throws $50,000 around at a strip club. That's idiotic, but never mind. What I want to know is what happened to the original husband in the Rogers commercials? The wife doesn't know anything's amiss, so enthralled by the magic of programming the PVR with a tablet she doesn't notice the husband HAS BEEN SWITCHED WITH ANOTHER HUSBAND WHO COULD BE AN ALIEN!

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It affects more than 10 per cent of preschool-aged children in Canada.

Parents can reduce the risk by following these simple care tips with your little one.

• Wipe baby's mouth and gums with a clean, wet cloth or piece of gauze after feeding.

• Gently clean newly erupted teeth with a small, soft toothbrush.

• Avoid fruit punches and other sweetened drinks in baby bottles, especially before bed.

• Rinse baby's mouth with water immediately after any liquid medication is given.

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• Begin regular dental visits by age one. NEWS CANADA

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One, two, three ... break!

Spring break. It's not a reason to let the kids run wild, so stay calm and formulate a plan

IT'S ALL RELATIVE
Kathy Buckworth,
kathybuckworth.com

Talk to other parents to see if they'd be willing to combine some of the activities you have planned. ISTOCK

Just because the kids are on a so-called "break" doesn't mean you get to take a break from being a parent — I've tried. Personally, I like calling it March break instead of spring break. That's mostly because it's more descriptive in terms of the timing of it, but also because it serves as a reminder that we can, as parents, at any point during this "week off," demand that our kids "march." To their room to clean it up, to the dinner table without complaining, to the shower when they start to smell and to the front door to get outside and start shovelling away that "spring" snow.

March break doesn't mean breaking the rules or the routines — in terms of bedtimes, meals and, let's face it, personal hygiene — but it can be a great time to break out some new activities that don't normally fit into your schedule.

If you have more than one child to organize during the week, have a discussion with all of them to find out what they'd like to do, beyond just "not go to school." But do your own research first. Look up a few free activities (start with community events) so you'll have some easy and cheap suggestions to make to them.

Check out what (appropriate) movies will be playing, find out the hours and rates of pay-for activities at the bowling alley or roller rink near you and look into whether your local public swimming pool has special events or hours in place during the break.

Talk to other parents to see if they want to either join you and your kids for some of your activities, and also if they'd be interested in trading off some time so that you can both get done what needs to get done during the week. Laundry and grocery shopping don't go on holidays! Trust me, I've also tried this.

Resist the temptation to let the kids stay up late as a treat, as it can be tough to get them back into regular bedtimes on the Sunday night before school starts up again, let alone having to deal with an overtired and under-eager student the next morning. You'll be ready for a break from the break by then yourself. KATHY BUCKWORTH IS AN AWARD WINNING WRITER. VISIT KATHYBUCKWORTH.COM OR FOLLOW KATHY ON TWITTER @KATHYBUCKWORTH.

Congratulations

Kathy Buckworth's latest book, I Am So the Boss Of You: An 8 Step Guide To Giving Your Family The "Business", has been optioned by Warner Brothers for a TV sitcom.

Return of the disruption that is daylight time

Kids and teens could be affected by daylight time for up to a week. ISTOCK

The idea of the hour of sleep we lost this past weekend may seem daunting to adults, but experts caution the return to daylight time could be more disruptive for kids and teens.

Younger Canadians are a notoriously sleep-deprived group, they said, adding that "spring forward" has the potential to bring even more disorder to unstable nighttime routines.

Dr. Shelly Weiss, a pediatric sleep expert with Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, said kids and teens can feel the effects of losing a single hour of sleep for up to one week.

"It's harder to adjust in the spring because you're going forward, but if parents already have good routines, it's pretty simple to change," she said in a telephone interview.

To get kids into bed earlier, Weiss recommends removing laptops, cellphones and other electronics from the bedroom.

Such a move would eliminate potential bedtime distractions while also creating a darker room that's more conducive to sleep, she said.

Weiss said research suggests a quarter of parents report that their children have trouble sleeping, a phenomenon she chalks up in part to poor sleep habits.

"Unfortunately there are many children who don't have a regular routine or a regular sleep and wake time," Weiss said. "It gives you a good chance to think about how you could improve that around daylight savings in an ongoing way."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Chicken's dressed to impress in tomato-avocado salsa dish

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This is a beautiful looking (and tasting) chicken dish to wow your guests. The salsa has a fresh taste, and the contrasting colours are beautiful. For a more formal dinner, make this with chicken supreme — the breast with wing attached.

Ingredients

- 4 skinless boneless chicken breasts (about 1 lb)
- 3 tbsp cornstarch
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 cup chopped plum tomatoes
- 1/2 cup diced avocado
- 3 tbsp chopped cilantro
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tsp freshly squeezed lime or lemon juice
- 1 tsp minced fresh garlic
- 1/2 tsp liquid honey
- 1/2 tsp hot sauce

A student chef gave me a great tip to prevent avocados from going brown. Before cutting the avocado and without piercing it, heat it on high in a microwave for 30 seconds. It truly works!

Serve the chicken alongside grilled vegetables.

1. One at a time, place the chicken breasts between sheets of waxed paper and pound to an even 1/2-inch thickness. Dust with cornstarch.

2. Spray a non-stick skillet with cooking oil, add the vegetable oil and place over medium high heat. Cook the chicken, turning once, for 5 to 8 minutes, or until no longer pink at the centre. Place on a serving dish.

3. To make the salsa, combine the tomatoes, avocado, cilantro, olive oil, juice, garlic, honey and hot sauce.

4. Spoon the salsa over the chicken before serving.

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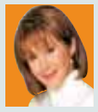

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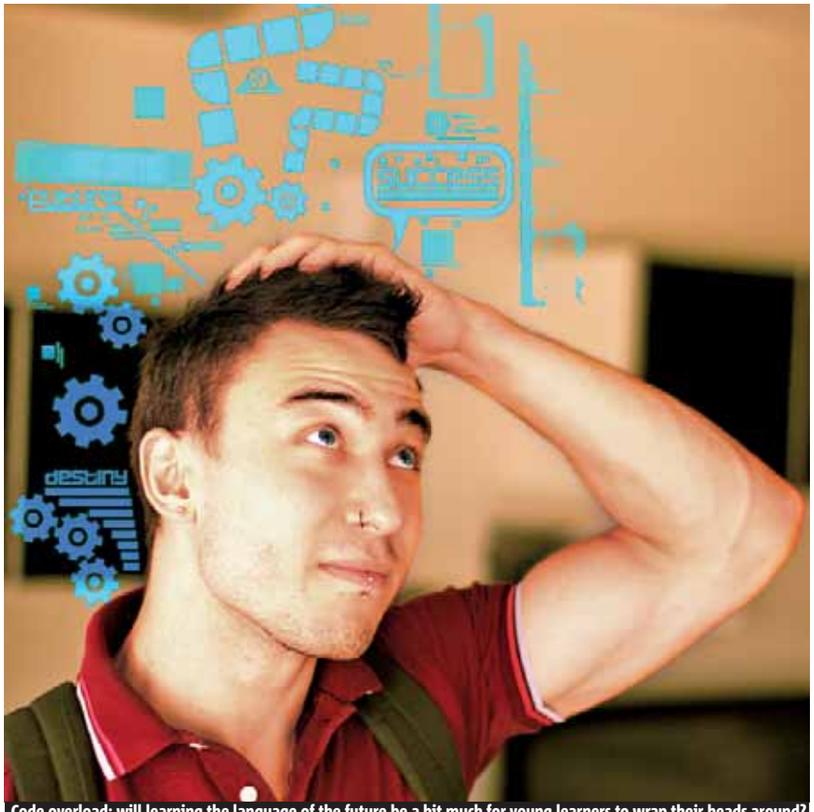

Code overload: will learning the language of the future be a bit much for young learners to wrap their heads around?
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No code in class? It just doesn't compute

To tech with it. Should schools teach students how to code? Viral video suggests yes

JULIA FURLAN
Metro World News

In the grand tradition of science fiction, it is time we accepted it — computers have taken over.

So says Bronwen Grimes, a technical artist at Valve.com and one of the many young entrepreneurs featured in a video in support of programming curriculum in schools by the nonprofit Code.org. The video has gone viral, reaching over nine million views in one week.

"Computers are everywhere," Grimes says. "You want to work in agriculture, entertainment, manufacturing — it's just all over."

The video's contributors make the case that programming helped them learn how to problem solve and that anyone can do it.

Professor Lev Manovich teaches computer science at the CUNY Graduate Center and writes about technology and culture. He says that countries like China are getting ahead of the United States by teaching programming in high school, and that students should be taught not only how to code, but how to understand programming concepts like how a web browser or a search engine works.

"I think we need to take a larger and more expansive view that coding is not just the only thing you need to know. It's one element and there's a difference between writing a program that has five lines and learning how Gmail works — a program with five million lines of code," he says.

Celebrities speak up

The video in support of programming curriculum in schools taps some big forces in software engineering

- Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg and Drew Houston make an appearance
- Famous individuals from outside of the computerverse, like singer will.i.am and basketball star Chris Bosh are also featured.

Success on a screen

"Computers are everywhere. You want to work in agriculture, entertainment, manufacturing — it's just all over."

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Hunting with a net. The job search has moved from the want ads to the World Wide Web. How do you plan to get with the program?

KELLY PUTTER
CareerBear.com

Searching for work online is much easier than back in the wearing-out-your-shoe-leather days, but that doesn't mean there aren't protocols to follow. In fact, engaging in a virtual job search presents a whole new set of rules.

Here, according to Dr. James Norrie, a social media guru in Toronto, are some dos and don'ts for online job hunters:

Don't dismiss social media as a frivolous fad for teens
Larger Canadian employers often banned access to social media websites, especially early on because they didn't recognize their business value. "Employers thought it was some kind of fad or trivial toy,' says Norrie.

"It's here to stay and people are starting to grasp this."

Online oopsies

Don't get caught with your pants down

- If you're cavorting on social media websites, know that privacy is a myth.
- You need to be careful about claiming your love for fascist groups or displaying photos of a half-baked you.
- Don't overexpose personal traits on any social media site that you're not comfortable discussing at work.

Move past the moping

"Searching for a job online is like looking for a boyfriend or girlfriend ... you have to let everybody know that you're available. You're going to have lots of no's but to get a yes, you need to go through that."

Dr. James Norrie
Social media guru

Don't overlook the power of social media
What gives social media its clout is what Norrie calls the network of networks or the ability users have to access and interconnect with the networks of other people, resulting in a far-reaching web of associations.

Don't be afraid to tell your network that you're job searching
Fewer and fewer jobs are advertised so you need to learn how to find and work the hidden job market. And, according to Norrie, LinkedIn is the number one hidden job network.

Use the power of your network and let people know you're actively looking for work. Share your credentials, talents and experience. Ask your connections to open up their networks to you. Research shows that job opportunities are often twice removed — somebody who knows somebody you know leads to the job.

Do manage your online reputation
Google yourself and see what pops up. And don't be relieved if it's nothing. Norrie says it's not that difficult to become irrelevant in the digital world. The question you need to ask is how can I make sure what's there is what I want to be there? Companies such as Reputation.com can manage your online reputation.

"You have to be aware that social media is becoming a go-to destination for consultants and HR people. The world of social media is not going away and we're all going to need to master what that means."

A quick button to blur your online past does not exist. Take your time to tidy things up. ISTOCK

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Get involved without getting invasive

Planning with your pupil. A student's success can be greatly bolstered by an active and attentive parent

Studies show that when parents are engaged in education, their children perform better in school.

But how involved should parents be? Education expert Dr. Nick Whitehead, CEO and founder of Oxford Learning Centres, Inc. offers these tips:

Communicate

Parents need to talk to kids about school every day. Ask specific questions about classes.

Rather than asking, "how was school?" ask, "How was math class? What did you learn?"

Know when and who

Parents should know their kids' schedules and teachers' names.

Know what's next

Use the class syllabus to identify upcoming projects and assignments. If one has not been assigned, ask the teacher for a timeline and post it in your home.

Follow up

If there's a quiz on Friday, ask how it went on Monday. If marks are not what they should be, arrange a talk with the teacher and make a plan.

Check in

Parents are encouraged simply to call the teacher to check in and make sure that everything is going smoothly.

Help with homework

There are a lot of dos and don'ts when it comes to homework help. It boils down to two basic rules: help, but don't do the work for them. Parents should help create a homework-friendly atmosphere where children can focus and get the work done without getting stressed out or losing motivation.

Keep asking questions and you won't be perplexed when the progress report makes its way home. ISTOCK

Don't wait for the report card

Rather than waiting for the first report card or progress report to come home, parents should follow up with issues that come up as they arise.

Model organization

Kids who demonstrate consistent organizational skills at home transfer those skills with them to the classroom. By providing an organized routine at home, parents can help kids become organized in school. Use calendars, planners and agendas.

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The future's so bright

Set goals together

Part of the communication process involves setting academic goals for the school year. Parents can help kids learn to think about long-term outcomes by discussing personal and academic ambitions, big or small.

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WBC. Jones's eighth-inning hit opens U.S. floodgates as Canada's tournament comes to an end in Phoenix

On Sunday

United States	Canada
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Canada slipped on the edge of history, giving up a late lead and falling 9-4 to the United States on Sunday in a must-win game that eliminated the team from the World Baseball Classic.

Down 3-2 in the eighth inning, Adam Jones hit a two-run double off reliever Jim Henderson to give the U.S. its first lead of the game before Shane Victorino scored Jones on a single for a 5-3 lead.

Jonathan Lucroy added an insurance RBI and Eric Hosmer hit a three-run double off Canadian closer John Axford in the ninth that put the result beyond doubt.

Canada had pulled to within one after Adam Loewen hit a bases-loaded RBI in the bottom of the eighth inning, but pinch hitter Tim Smith grounded out to end the inning and ultimately Canada's tournament.

"We played a tough game and obviously the U.S. came out on top, but we're holding our heads high," said Canadian outfielder Michael Saunders. "We came to this tournament prepared and we felt like we played well. A few innings didn't go our way, but I think we played well and I think we showed the world that Canada is here to stay."

Canada controlled Sunday's game until Jones's hit, with Saunders hitting a two-run homer in the second inning and Loewen's single putting Canada ahead 3-2 in the sixth.

But U.S. relievers Heath Bell, David Hernandez, Steve Cishek and closer Craig Kimbrel stifled Canada's offence while American batters did the rest.

Canada (1-2), which has never advanced past the first round, began the tournament with a humiliating 14-4 loss to Italy that ended after eight innings due to the 10-run mercy rule. But the team fought back, literally, in the second game against Mexico with a 10-3 victory capped by a bench-clearing brawl.

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American Adam Jones scores a run in the eighth inning of a 9-4 win over Canada at the World Baseball Classic on Sunday in Phoenix. Canada was eliminated with the loss. CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

WBC brawl

Bautista: Canada broke baseball code

Jose Bautista says Canada broke baseball's unwritten code Saturday by trying to run up the score in their World Baseball Classic win over Mexico, regardless of the tournament's tiebreaker rules.

"I'm not buying the fact that teams are bunting when they're up by six because of the rules of the WBC," Bautista told reporters Sunday morning.

"I believe in the unwritten rules of the game. They should be respected. It's a code amongst players, and everybody who plays baseball at a level higher than Little League knows what it is, and there's no excuse."

In the ninth inning of Canada's 10-3 victory over Mexico — they were up 9-3 at the time — Canadian catcher Chris Robinson, of London, Ont., bunted himself aboard to lead off the final frame.

Mexican pitcher Arnold Leon then hit the next batter, Toronto's Rene Tosoni.

The benches cleared and a violent brawl ensued.

Robinson and Canadian manager Ernie Whitt defended the move by pointing out the importance of run-differential in the tournament's rules.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Raptors dig deep to upend Cavs

Raptors centre Amir Johnson shoots on Cleveland's Tyler Zeller on Sunday at Air Canada Centre. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Toronto Raptors had every reason to blow Sunday's game.

Short-handed and tired after travelling through the night following Friday's crushing loss in Los Angeles, coach Dwane Casey told his team at halftime he wouldn't accept any excuses.

The Raptors listened, with Amir Johnson leading the way with 17 points and 16 rebounds, to rally from a 17-point deficit to top the Cleveland Cavaliers 100-96.

On Sunday

Raptors	Cavaliers
100	96

"It was like day and night, and I expected it just because of the schedule," Casey said of the Raptors' horrible first half. "Guys were groggy coming in ... we had every (excuse) to mail in this game."

Six Raptors scored in double digits with Alan Anderson leading the way with 18 points — 10 of them in the fourth quarter. THE CANADIAN PRESS

On the sidelines

Raptors small forward Rudy Gay was held out of Sunday's game with back stiffness, while power forward Andrea Bargnani is scheduled to undergo diagnostic testing on his strained right elbow on Monday.

Golf

Woods hits his stride at Doral

Tiger Woods is hitting his stride on a march to the Masters.

Woods never let anyone get closer than three shots on Sunday until he had locked up his 17th World Golf Championship title. With a conservative bogey on the final hole, he closed with a 1-under 71 to win the Cadillac Championship.

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Tiger Woods salutes the crowd on Sunday in Doral, Fla. GETTY IMAGES

NBA

Heat cruise to 18th straight win

Mario Chalmers scored 26 points, Chris Bosh added 24 and the Miami Heat won their 18th straight game, easily topping the Indiana Pacers 105-91 on Sunday night. The streak ties the seventh longest in NBA history. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AHL

Ross leads Marlies to win with 2 goals

Brad Ross had two goals and an assist as the Toronto Marlies beat the Peoria Rivermen 4-1 on Sunday at Ricoh Coliseum.

Ross opened the scoring in the first period and finished it in the third.

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MLB

"You can't sit there and dwell on it. It's done, it's over."

Toronto Blue Jays starter Ricky Romero who is trying to recover from a terrible 2012 season where he accumulated a 9-14 record with a 5.77 ERA.

Numbers tell story of Leafs' upswing

'A ton of character.'
Players, stats express dramatic improvement in team's resilience

Just about any way you look at it, the Maple Leafs are trending upwards.

Whether it's big-ticket items like penalty killing, the power play or goaltending, or those little things coaches love so much like blocked shots and hits, the Leafs are doing a discernibly better job at playing hockey this year than they did last year.

And, of course, it's showing in the standings.

"We've got a ton of character in here," said goalie James Reimer. "A ton of determination. We're down 3-1, 4-2 and you could have given up. It takes a lot of mental toughness and durability to get back and fight through the negativity, the different emotions."

James Reimer has been a significant factor in Toronto's recent success.
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The point the Leafs picked up Saturday in the shootout loss to Pittsburgh was the team's fifth this year in the 10 games they went into the third period trailing. Last year, the team managed just six points in the 34 games they'd been trailing after 40 minutes.

"We have a new team here, new attitude," said forward Clarke MacArthur. "We're going to play right to the end of every game." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Numbers never lie

A comparison of this year's numbers so far with last year's totals:

- **Goals-against average**
  This year: 2.65, 13th in league
  Last year: 3.16, 29th in league
- **Hits**
  This year: 814, first in the league
  Last year: 2,218, fourth in the league
- **Penalty kill**
  This year: 84.3 per cent, seventh in league
  Last year: 76.9 per cent, 28th in league

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	47	14	.770	—
New York	38	22	.633	8½
Indiana	39	24	.619	9
Brooklyn	37	26	.587	11
Chicago	35	28	.556	13
Boston	34	28	.548	13½
Atlanta	34	28	.548	13½
Milwaukee	31	29	.517	15½
Toronto	25	39	.391	23½
Philadelphia	23	39	.371	24½
Detroit	23	41	.359	25½
Cleveland	21	42	.333	27
Washington	20	41	.328	27
Orlando	18	46	.281	30½
Charlotte	13	50	.206	35

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	48	15	.762	—
Oklahoma City	47	16	.746	1
Memphis	42	19	.689	5
L.A. Clippers	44	20	.688	4½
Denver	42	22	.656	6½
Golden State	35	29	.547	13½
Houston	34	30	.531	14½
L.A. Lakers	33	31	.516	15½
Utah	32	31	.508	16
Portland	29	33	.468	18½
Dallas	29	33	.468	18½
Minnesota	21	39	.350	25½
Phoenix	22	41	.349	26
Sacramento	22	42	.344	26½
New Orleans	22	42	.344	26½

Note: division leaders ranked in top three positions regardless of winning percentage.

Sunday's results
Oklahoma City 91 Boston 79
L.A. Lakers 90 Chicago 81
Toronto 100 Cleveland 96
Miami 105 Indiana 91
Orlando 99 Philadelphia 91
Dallas 100 Minnesota 77
New Orleans 98 Portland 96
Milwaukee at Sacramento
Detroit at L.A. Clippers
Saturday's results
Brooklyn 93 Atlanta 80
New York 113 Utah 84
Washington 104 Charlotte 87
Memphis 96 New Orleans 85
Phoenix 107 Houston 105
Denver 111 Minnesota 88
Milwaukee 103 Golden State 93

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	26	18	8	0	97	76	36
New Jersey	26	12	9	5	65	75	29
NY Rangers	24	13	9	2	63	58	28
NY Islanders	26	11	12	3	77	88	25
Philadelphia	27	12	14	1	75	82	25

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Montreal	26	17	5	4	84	66	38
Boston	22	16	3	3	67	48	35
Toronto	26	15	10	1	79	70	31
Ottawa	25	13	8	4	59	51	30
Buffalo	26	9	14	3	67	83	21

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Carolina	24	14	9	1	75	69	29
Winnipeg	25	12	11	2	63	74	26
Washington	24	10	13	1	69	72	21
Tampa Bay	25	10	14	1	85	79	21
Florida	26	7	13	6	64	98	20

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	26	21	2	3	85	58	45
Detroit	26	12	9	5	68	66	29
St. Louis	24	13	9	2	74	73	28
Nashville	25	10	9	6	54	61	26
Columbus	26	10	12	4	61	72	24

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Vancouver	23	11	6	6	64	63	28
Minnesota	23	12	9	2	54	57	26
Edmonton	25	9	11	5	60	76	23
Calgary	23	9	10	4	63	79	22
Colorado	23	9	10	4	59	67	22

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	23	17	3	3	81	60	37
Los Angeles	23	13	8	2	68	59	28
San Jose	23	11	7	5	54	54	27
Phoenix	25	12	10	3	72	72	27
Dallas	24	12	10	2	67	67	26

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

Sunday's results
New Jersey 3 Winnipeg 2 (SO)
Edmonton 6 Chicago 5
Columbus 3 Detroit 2 (SO)
Pittsburgh 6 NY Islanders 1
NY Rangers 4 Washington 1
Montreal 5 Florida 2
Philadelphia 3 Buffalo 2
San Jose at Colorado
St. Louis at Anaheim
Vancouver at Minnesota
Saturday's results
Pittsburgh 5 Toronto 4 (SO)
Los Angeles 6 Calgary 2
Columbus 3 Detroit 0
Carolina 6 New Jersey 3
Minnesota 2 Nashville 1 (SO)
Phoenix 2 Dallas 1
NY Islanders 5 Washington 2
Boston 3 Philadelphia 0
St. Louis 4 San Jose 3 (OT)
Montreal 4 Tampa Bay 3
Monday's games
All times Eastern
Boston at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

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WEEK 10
Saturday's results
Colorado 12 Buffalo 6
Washington 16 Philadelphia 10

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Sunday's results
Philadelphia 2 Colorado 1
Dallas at Chivas USA
New York at San Jose
Saturday's results
Toronto 2 Kansas City 1
Vancouver 2 Columbus 1
Colorado 0 Philadelphia 0
Montreal 2 Portland 1
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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Today's new moon will be helpful if you have a clear idea of what it is you want. If though you are still confused or undecided it will most likely pass unnoticed. It's not too late to make up your mind.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
There is no guarantee that what you are about to attempt will succeed but don't let that stop you. Life is an adventure or it is nothing.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Everything happens for a reason and if you keep that thought in mind today you won't be too fazed by what occurs. On the work front someone in a position of authority could make you an interesting offer.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Try to stand outside yourself and see the bigger picture. If you look at today's events from a purely personal point of view you run the risk of missing something important. Widen your perspective, just a little.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
If there are things about your life and your relationships that you do not like then get rid of them now. Not everyone will be happy with the changes you make but that's all the more reason to make them.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
What happens over the next few days could turn your world on its head. Just when you thought Lady Luck had forgotten about you up she pops up to bring you something nice.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Don't give up on your plans. What happens this week may cause you to think again about your ambitions but don't use that as an excuse to abandon them altogether. You're still moving in the right direction.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
A new moon in your fellow Water sign of Pisces means you can quite easily make your dreams come true. Don't let any kind of negative thoughts take root in your mind today. Think positive. Feel positive. Act positive.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
A loved one may give you a hard time but if you are smart you won't give them a hard time back. It's not you they are annoyed with but life in general. By this time tomorrow the crisis will have passed.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Something you say or do over the next 24 hours could easily be taken the wrong way by someone you love. Do you really have to be so blunt? Think before you speak.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The planets suggest you have been kidding yourself about the real reasons for a failure of some kind. It would help if you saw things as they really are.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Today's new moon in your sign will encourage you to believe that all things are possible. It will also encourage you to actually do something creative rather than just think about it. It's time to step up and shine. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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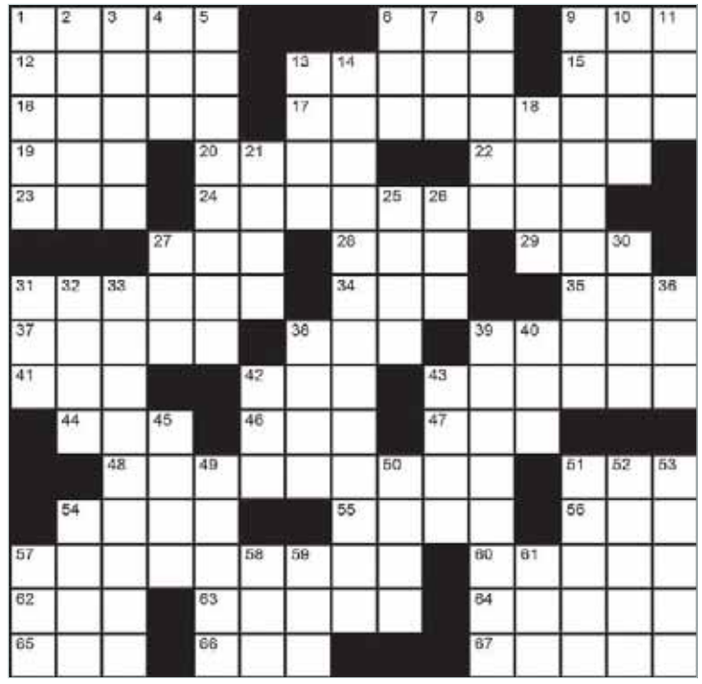
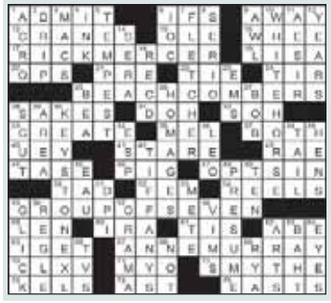


Across
1. Star Wars character, __ Vader
6. Saint-Jean-__-Richelieu, QC
9. Mom's hubby
12. Kleenex-user's sound!
13. Coming-__-__ movie
15. She gave Odysseus a veil
16. Corporate shuffle, in brief
17. Cape Breton __ National Park
19. Airport schedule acr.
20. SNL alum Kristen
22. Stock mkt. debuts for companies
23. __-eyed
24. Montreal football players
27. "Raiders of the Lost __" (1981)
28. Meas. from a circle's centre
29. Rested
31. Tries to get a dieter to eat chocolate
34. Hectic hosp. units
35. Hesitant sounds
37. Smudges
38. Internet connection letters
39. Tom Cruise flick, "__ Maguire" (1996)
41. As written
42. Type of pan
43. Beer brand, __ Canadian
44. Calder Cup sports org.
46. 'Masc' ender (Eye makeup)
47. "Fancy that." [pl.]
48. Activity for Canada Geese in Spring
51. Hat
54. Gas, for instance
55. Hostels
56. "__ Maria"
57. Shakespeare: Othello's wif
60. Fortune Teller's card
62. "Hey, no need to overshare!", briefly
63. Hair fringes
64. Broadcasting now: 2 wds.
65. Cul-de-__
66. Greek alphabet's 7th letter
67. The 'N' of TNT

Down
1. Challenged
2. Prefix meaning 'Vinegar'
3. US state, __ Island
4. Maple Leafs, on scoreboards
5. Harry Potter's school
6. Droop
7. "Gross me out."
8. Illuminated the candle again
9. They roamed the Badlands of Alberta
10. Conjunctions
11. __ and don'ts
13. __ Art Company (Etch a Sketch maker)
14. March 11-17: London, ON is hosting the 2013 ISU World __ __ Championships
18. Imitates
21. Varieties
25. British peer
26. CFL cheers-getters
27. Mo. after March
30. Via, to a poet
31. "Conan" cable network
32. Director Mr. Kazan
33. VJs network
36. Tip to 'thetic' (Man-made)
38. "__ the Explorer"
39. Governor General of Canada, David __
40. Ems preceders
42. Military conflict
43. Satellite
45. Fibbed
49. The __ (Area of Ottawa)
50. "__ __ little time..." (The quickest way)
51. 18-__ gold [var. sp.]
52. Intro-to-French verb
53. Gas station, __-Canada
54. Hurricane Katrina org.
57. Calendar times, e.g.
58. Welcome __
59. "Bird __ __ Wire" (1990)
61. Cuckoo bird type

Friday's Crossword



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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	5		8		3		6	
	8	9				1	3	
3								9
		5	6	1	9	3		
		1	5	7	8	2		
8								4
	2	6				7	8	
	9		7		4		2	

Friday's Sudoku

1	8	3	2	5	8	9	4	7
5	4	9	6	3	7	2	8	1
7	2	8	1	9	4	5	3	6
8	9	1	4	7	6	3	5	2
4	7	5	3	2	1	8	6	9
6	3	2	5	8	9	1	7	4
9	8	4	7	1	5	6	2	3
3	1	6	8	4	2	7	9	5
2	5	7	9	6	3	4	1	8

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